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Mr. Tina Washington, Director of K-12
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Kwiyagatu Community Academy (KCA)
450 Sunset Blvd
Towaoc, Colorado 81334

RE: Acknowledgement & Approval Letter for the Kwiyagatu (Bear) Community Academy (KCA)

Dear Ms. Washington:

This letter shall serve as acknowledgement and approval the current Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Education building will be the temporary home of Kwiyagatu Community Academy (KCA) for the next three (3) years at the location of 450 Sunset Blvd., Towaoc, Colorado. Potentially, the current BIA building at 511 Sunset Blvd may become available after January 2021 so the Kwiyagatu Community Academy can potential use the building for the administrative staff offices. It is understood the Kwiyagatu Community Academy (KCA) will be tentative plans are to accepting at least thirty (30) students, beginning with grades Kindergarten and 1st grade, school environment surrounded by Nuchiu culture and language with a strong sense of self identity to achieve success by fall school year 2021. Additionally, the Kwiyagatu Community Academy (KCA) must receive approval prior to school year 2021 from the State of Colorado before opening the doors to accepting students.

Secondly, the Planning & Development Programs has provided three future site selection areas for a permanent home for the Kwiyagatu (Bear) Academy (KCA). The potential sites selection are (1) the baseball field, west of the Head Start building, and near/around the Shelter building. Then, the next step is to work with the tribal grant writer to pursue grant funds for the feasibility study, preconstruction activities, design and construction of the school. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe strongly support this most important educational endeavor on behalf of our next generation leaders. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Manuel Heart

Manuel Heart, Chairman
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